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EMBASSY COMMENTS ON NIS BEING SUBMITTED TELEGRAPHICALLY TO MEET WITH NOVEMBER 23 DEADLINE ESTABLISHED REPAIR. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO PAGE NUMBERS OF NIS DRAFT RECEIVED AS ENCLOSURE TO REPAIR:

1. (PAGE 1) OUTLINE OF HISTORY OF SCIENCE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA MIGHT INCLUDE REFERENCES TO DANISH ASTRONOMER TYCHO BRAHE, WHO WORKED WITH KEPLER IN PRAGUE, AND TO GREGOR MENDEL, MORAVIAN "FATHER OF GENETICS."

2. (PAGE 3) SUGGEST ADD "...AND STUDENTS OF SCIENCE..." TO "CZECHOSLOVAK SCIENTISTS..." AT OPENING OF SECOND PARAGRAPH.

3. (PAGE 7) USE "REPUBLIC GOVERNMENTS" VICE "PROVINCIAL OR STATE GOVERNMENTS." SEPARATE MINISTRIES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE REPUBLIC LEVEL IN SOME, BUT NOT ALL, FIELDS.

4. (PAGE 18) INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY DAO INDICATES THAT THE L-39 HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE ADVANCED JET TRAINER FOR THE WARSAW PACT AND THAT 1500 OF THESE AIRCRAFT ARE BEING BUILT.

5. (PAGE 42) BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY INDICATES THAT COMPUTER ACTIVITY IS COORDINATED AT FEDERAL LEVEL BY FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTERED AT THE REPUBLIC LEVEL BY THE CZECH AND SLOVAK MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRY.

6. (PAGE 64) SUGGEST THAT CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION ABOUT COMPUTERS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA MAY BE AVAILABLE AT OFFICE OF EXPORT CONTROL AT COMMERCE. NOTE THAT SOME U.S. COMPUTER FIRMS (E.G.,

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HEWLETT-PACKARD AND VARIAN) ARE EXPORTING DIRECTLY TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA,

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